

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transferring a multimedia message in a multimedia messaging system, which comprises a terminal and a multimedia messaging centre, arranged to communicate an actual multimedia message with each other at least partially wirelessly, the multimedia messaging centre being arranged to receive multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal, and to transmit a notification message to the terminal to inform the terminal of a multimedia message addressed to the terminal that has arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, wherein the method comprises comprising:

transmitting a first message wirelessly from the terminal to the to a multimedia messaging centre, the first message requesting the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to the a terminal only for multimedia messages addressed to the terminal[[,]] that have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre and for which the terminal has not received a notification message yet, and only for multimedia messages for which a notification message has been sent and an acknowledgement message from the terminal has not yet been received by the multimedia messaging center, wherein said first message comprises an option to define a selection criterion so as to limit information to be sent in response to said first message; and

sending the notification message to the terminal, wherein the notification message is a message to which a response is sent from the terminal for receiving the actual multimedia message.

2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said first message requests the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to the terminal for multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal, that have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre and for which the terminal has not received a notification message transmitted from the multimedia messaging centre.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving the first message transmitted by the terminal at the multimedia messaging centre;

determining at the multimedia messaging centre whether there are multimedia messages addressed to the terminal at the multimedia messaging centre for which the terminal has not received a notification message yet;

transmitting a second message from the multimedia messaging centre to the terminal in response to the first message, the second message containing the notification messages for said multimedia messages for which the terminal has not received a notification message yet.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving the second message at the terminal, which has been transmitted by the multimedia messaging service and contains said notification messages;

transmitting a third message from the terminal to the multimedia messaging centre in response to said second message, the third message indicating to the multimedia messaging centre the terminal's desire to fetch the multimedia message on which a notification message was transmitted to the terminal in said second message.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving the third message transmitted by the terminal at the multimedia messaging centre;

transmitting a fourth message from the multimedia messaging centre to the terminal in response to said third message, the fourth message containing the multimedia message which the terminal desires to fetch as indicated in said third message.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the terminal and the multimedia messaging centre comprise a protocol stack and a multimedia application on top of it, and said first, second, third and fourth messages are transmitted at the level of the multimedia application, the messages then being independent of the implementation of the protocol stack below the multimedia application.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 3, wherein it is determined, at the multimedia messaging centre, whether the multimedia messaging centre has multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal, for which the terminal has not received a notification

message, by investigating whether the multimedia messaging centre has received an acknowledgement to the notification message from the terminal.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A multimedia messaging centre for transferring a multimedia message in a system, which comprises a terminal and a multimedia messaging centre, which are arranged to communicate actual multimedia messages with each other at least partially wirelessly, the multimedia messaging centre being arranged to receive multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal, and to transmit a notification message to the terminal to inform the terminal of a multimedia message addressed to the terminal which has arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, wherein the multimedia message center comprises~~comprising:

~~means~~an interface configured for receiving a first message transmitted by the terminal, the first message requesting the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to ~~the~~a terminal only for multimedia messages addressed to the terminal that have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre and for which the terminal has not received a notification message yet and only for multimedia messages for which a notification message has been sent to the terminal but for which an acknowledgement has not been received in the multimedia messaging centre; and

~~means~~a control unit configured for determining whether there are multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal~~[,]~~ at the multimedia messaging centre for which the terminal has not received a notification message yet, and multimedia messages for which a notification message has been sent to the terminal but for which an acknowledgement has not been received in the multimedia messaging centre, where the notification message is a message to which a response is sent from the terminal for receiving the actual multimedia message.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A terminal which is arranged to function in a system that comprises a terminal and a multimedia messaging centre, arranged to communicate actual multimedia messages with each other, at least partially wirelessly, the multimedia messaging centre being arranged to receive multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal, and transmit a notification message to the terminal to inform the terminal of a multimedia message addressed to the terminal that has arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, wherein the terminal comprises~~An apparatus comprising:

a processor;

a memory including computer program code,

the memory and the computer program code configured to, with the processor, cause
the apparatus at least to:

means for transmitting transmit a first message wirelessly from the terminal to the a multimedia messaging centre, the first message requesting the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to the terminalapparatus only for multimedia messages addressed to the terminalapparatus that have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre and for which the terminalapparatus has not received a notification message yet and only for multimedia messages for which a notification message has been sent but for which an acknowledgement has not yet been received in the multimedia messaging centre, wherein said first message comprises an option to define a selection criterion so as to limit information to be sent in response to said first message and the notification message is a message to which a response is sent from the terminalapparatus for receiving the actual multimedia message.

10. (Previously Presented) A system for transferring a multimedia message, the system comprising a terminal and a multimedia messaging centre, which are arranged to communicate an actual multimedia message with each other, at least partially wirelessly, the multimedia messaging centre being arranged to receive multimedia messages, addressed to the terminal, and to transmit a notification message to the terminal to inform the terminal of a multimedia message addressed to the terminal that has arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, wherein the system comprises comprising:

means for transmitting a first message, wirelessly from the a terminal to the a multimedia messaging centre, the first message requesting the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to the terminal only for multimedia messages addressed to the terminal that[[,]] have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, and for which the terminal has not received a notification message yet and only for multimedia messages for which a notification message has been sent but for which an acknowledgement has not yet been received in the multimedia messaging centre, wherein said first message comprises an option to define a selection criterion so as to limit information to be sent in

response to said first message and the notification message is a message to which a response is sent from the terminal for receiving the actual multimedia message.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the selection criterion defines that notification message(s) for only those multimedia messages for which notification message(s) has not been successfully transmitted are requested.

12. (Previously Presented) A multimedia messaging centre according to claim 8, wherein said first message comprises an option to define a selection criterion so as to limit information to be sent in response to said first message, and wherein the multimedia messaging centre is arranged to select information to be sent in return based on said selection criterion.

13. (Previously Presented) A multimedia messaging centre according to claim 12, wherein the selection criterion is definable so that said first message requests notification message(s) to be sent concerning only those multimedia messages for which notification message(s) has not been successfully transmitted, and wherein the multimedia messaging centre is arranged to handle and respond to said first message containing the selection criterion defined this way.

14. (Previously Presented) A terminal according to claim 9, wherein the terminal is arranged to request, with said first message and using said selection criterion, notification messages concerning only those multimedia messages for which notification messages has not been successfully transmitted.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored in a memory and executable in a multimedia messaging centre for transferring a multimedia message in a system, which comprises a terminal and a multimedia messaging centre, which are arranged to communicate an actual multimedia message with each other at least partially wirelessly, the multimedia messaging centre being arranged to receive multimedia messages addressed to the terminal and transmit a notification message to the terminal to inform it of a multimedia message addressed to the terminal which has arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, wherein by a computer, the computer program product comprisescomprising:

computer readable program code means for causing the multimedia messaging centre~~computer~~ to receive and handle a first message transmitted by the terminal[[,]] the first message requesting the multimedia messaging centre~~computer~~ to transmit a

notification message to the a terminal on only for multimedia messages addressed to the terminal which have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre computer and on which the terminal has not received a notification message yet and only for multimedia messages for which a notification message has been sent but for which an acknowledgement has not yet been received in the multimedia messaging centre by the computer, where the notification message is a message to which a response is sent from the terminal for receiving the actual multimedia message; and

computer readable program code means for causing the multimedia messaging center computer to determine whether there are multimedia messages addressed to the terminal at the multimedia messaging centre computer on which the terminal has not received a notification message yet, and multimedia messages for which a notification message has been sent to the terminal but for which an acknowledgement has not been received by the computer.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer program product according to claim 15, wherein said first message comprises an option to define a selection criterion so as to limit information to be sent in response to said first message, and wherein the computer program product has computer readable program code means for selecting information to be sent in return based on said selection criterion.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored in a memory and executable in a terminal, which is arranged to function in a system which comprises a terminal and a multimedia messaging centre, which are arranged to communicate actual multimedia messages with each other at least partially wirelessly, the multimedia messaging centre being arranged to receive multimedia messages addressed to the terminal and transmit a notification message to the terminal to inform it of a multimedia message addressed to the terminal which has arrived at the multimedia messaging centre, wherein the computer program product comprises comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing the terminal to transmit a first message wirelessly from the terminal to the a multimedia messaging centre, the first message requesting the multimedia messaging centre to transmit a notification message to the terminal on only for multimedia messages addressed to the terminal which have arrived at the multimedia messaging centre and on which the terminal has not received a notification message yet and only for multimedia messages for which a notification message has been sent but for which an acknowledgement has

not yet been received in the multimedia messaging centre, where the notification message is a message to which a response is sent from the terminal for receiving the actual multimedia messages, and

computer readable program code means for causing the terminal to define a selection criterion in said first message to limit information to be sent in response to said first message.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising that the first message indicates to the multimedia messaging centre a time when the terminal wants to receive the undelivered notification messages.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 further comprising that each of the first, second, third and fourth messages are a certain message type, the message type indicating to a receiving device how to process a respective message.